Schools in which spinning is taught.

107. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of schools in which spinning is taught; and

(*b*) the reason why the subject has not been introduced in other schools ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 22 Vernacular Schools, of which 16 are Boys' Schools and 6 Girls' Schools.

(*b*) The question of introducing spinning in more schools will be considered when the present financial situation improves.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the last date on which spinning was introduced in the last school ?

It is answered by the Chief Secretary that Spinning has already been introduced in twenty-two Vernacular Schools, of which sixteen are boys' schools and six girls' schools ; and in answer to my question part (*b*), it is also answered that the question of introducing spinning in more schools would be considered when the present financial situation improves. So, I want to know the last date on which spinning was introduced in the last school ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In 1927.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): When did the Government begin to feel financial depression ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From 1106 onwards. There was deficit in 1106, and we expect it in 1107.

MR. E. V. KRISNHA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Then, how many years since 1927 ? I want to know how many years since the last introduction was made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Four years or so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the reason why no action was taken for four years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was thought desirable to watch how the teaching worked in these schools.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Now, are the Government satisfied that the introduction of spinning is satisfactorily working ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not quite satisfied.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): And so, am I to understand from the answer just given, that even if the financial situation improves, Government would not be in a position to introduce spinning in more schools, since it has been found to work unsatisfactorily ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If we had money we could have made the teaching satisfactory in the existing schools, and introduced it in more schools.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : So am I to understand that the unsatisfactory nature of the teaching of this subject is due to want of funds?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Partly. One of the difficulties noticed is want of accommodation for teaching.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : And so, it was without providing accommodation for these schools that the introduction has already been made in various schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The Chief Secretary has replied that it is partly due to want of accommodation. May I know the reason?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is all that is stated by the Director. I have no other information.

Extension of the Muttam channel.

108. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to extend the Muttam channel as far as Muttam village or Eayantenku;

(*b*) if so, whether the alignment is over; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) An investigation is being conducted.

Inspection of the Trivandrum Railway Customs Office.

109. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the nature of the supervision exercised by the Inspector, the Assistant Excise Commissioner and the Excise Commissioner over the Trivandrum Railway Customs Officer and his work; and

(*b*) the number of inspections of the customs office made by each of them during 1106?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The nature of the supervision exercised by the Inspector, Assistant Excise Commissioner and Excise Commissioner over the Trivandrum Railway Customs Officer and his work is more or less the same. It consists in the examination of the records; seeing whether all amounts due to the Government are realised in full and remitted into the treasury and whether the buildings and records are kept neat; and generally insisting on the departmental standing orders and the instructions of superior officers being promptly carried out. Besides this, the

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